

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 7416

Joint Petition of PPL Renewable Energy, LLC,)
and Green Mountain Power Corporation for a)
certificate of public good, pursuant to 30 V.S.A.)
Section 248, authorizing the construction and)
operation of up to a 3.2 MW landfill)
gas-to-energy facility and related)
interconnection facilities on-site at the)
Moretown Landfill in Moretown, Vermont)

Order entered: 1/22/2016

PROCEDURAL ORDER RE NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF DECOMMISSIONING BOND

On August 29, 2008, the Vermont Public Service Board (“Board”) approved a stipulation (the “Stipulation”) among PPL Renewable Energy, LLC (“PPL”), Green Mountain Power Corporation (“GMP”), the Vermont Department of Public Service (the “Department”), and the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (“ANR”). The petitioners (PPL and GMP) were required to comply with all terms of the Stipulation.¹

Under the Stipulation, PPL agreed to provide bonding to secure the costs of decommissioning the gas-to-energy generation facility located at the Moretown landfill. On January 12, 2009, PPL filed a \$65,000 decommissioning bond (“Bond”) issued by Safeco Insurance Company of America (“Safeco”) to provide financial assurance for the decommissioning and removal of the facility.

Safeco has provided the Board with a notice of cancellation of the Bond (with a cancel date of February 20, 2016) and Safeco requests that the Board acknowledge the notice of cancellation. The reason for cancellation is stated to be that the Bond is no longer needed because the business was sold. The Board is unaware of any sale. The Board also notes that PPL

1. Order of 8/29/08 at 22; *see, also*, CPG of 8/29/08 at 1.

has not provided any alternate assurance to the Board related to its obligations under the Stipulation.

Before taking any action with respect to this matter, the Board requires a response from PPL by February 4, 2016, as to whether PPL has satisfied all of its obligations under the Stipulation related to decommissioning and the provision of financial assurance. In addition, if the Department or ANR objects to the cancellation of the Bond without the provision of alternate assurance by PPL, such party shall so notify the Board by the same date. Copies of the notice of cancellation from Safeco and of PPL's 2009 filing related to the Bond will be provided to the parties with this Order.

SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 22nd day of January, 2016.

<u>s/James Volz</u>)	
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<u>s/Margaret Cheney</u>)	BOARD
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<u>s/Sarah Hofmann</u>)	

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: January 22, 2016

ATTEST: s/Judith C. Whitney
Acting Clerk of the Board

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